



# Q87WS-DL

# H87WS-DL

## User Manual

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# ***Chapter 1: Introduction***

Thank you for purchasing ASRock ***Q87WS-DL / H87WS-DL*** motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

In this manual, chapter 1 and 2 contains introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step guide to the hardware installation. Chapter 3 and 4 contains the configuration guide to BIOS setup and information of the Support CD.



Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this manual will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this manual occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock website without further notice. You may find the latest VGA cards and CPU support lists on ASRock website as well.  
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If you require technical support related to this motherboard, please visit our website for specific information about the model you are using.  
[www.asrock.com/support/index.asp](http://www.asrock.com/support/index.asp)

## **1.1 Package Contents**

ASRock ***Q87WS-DL / H87WS-DL*** Motherboard

(ATX Form Factor: 12.0-in x 9.6-in, 30.5 cm x 24.4 cm)

ASRock ***Q87WS-DL / H87WS-DL*** User Manual

ASRock ***Q87WS-DL / H87WS-DL*** Support CD

2 x Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cables (Optional)

1 x I/O Panel Shield

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## 1.2 Specifications

<b>Physical Status</b>	Form Factor	ATX
	Dimension	12" x 9.6" (30.5 cm x 24.4 cm)
<b>Processor System</b>	CPU	Intel® Xeon® processor E3-1200 v3 product family & Haswell i7, i5 , i3, Pentium and Celeron CPU
	Socket	Single socket (LGA1150)
	Power Phase	4 power phase design
	Chipset	Intel® Q87/H87
<b>BIOS</b>	BIOS Type	64Mb AMI UEFI Legal BIOS
<b>System Memory</b>	Capacity	32GB DDR3 UDIMM
	Socket	4 x 240-pin DDR3 DIMM slots
	Type	Dual Channel DDR3 1600/1333 UDIMM
	Voltage	1.35V, 1.5V
<b>Expansion Slot</b>	PCIe 3.0 x 16	1 slot (x16 mode)
	PCIe 2.0 x 4	1 slot ( x4 mode)
	PCIe 2.0 x 1	N/A
	PCI	2 slots
<b>Storage</b>	SATA Controller	Intel® Q87/H87: 6 x SATA3 6.0 Gb/s
	Additional SATA Controller	ASMedia ASM1061: 2 x SATA3 6.0 Gb/s
<b>Graphics</b>	Controller	Intel® HD Graphics Built-in Visuals and the VGA outputs can be supported only with processors which are GPU integrated
	VRAM	Max. shared memory 1760MB
	Output	Max. 2048x1536 @ 75Hz
<b>Ethernet</b>	Interface	Gigabit LAN 10/100/1000 Mb/s
	LAN Controller	2 x Realtek RTL8111E VL
<b>Rear Panel I/O</b>	LAN Port (RJ45)	2
	PS/2 KB/ Mouse	2
	VGA Port	1 x D-Sub

	USB 2.0 Port	4
	USB 3.0 Port	2
	COM Port	1
	SPDIF	N/A
	eSATA3	N/A
	1394	N/A
	Audio	N/A
Internal Connectors	COM Port Header	1
	IR Header	N/A
	CIR Header	N/A
	Auxiliary Panel Header	1 (includes chassis intrusion, location button & LED, front LAN LED)
	TPM Header	1
	Fan Header	6 (2 x 4-pin, 4 x 3-pin)
	ATX Power	1 (24-pin) + 1 (8-pin)
	USB 2.0 Header	3 (each supports 2 USB 2.0)
	USB 3.0 Header	1 (each supports 2 USB 3.0)
	1394 Header	N/A
Support OS	OS	Microsoft® Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Microsoft® Windows® Server 2008 R2 (64bit) and Linux compliant

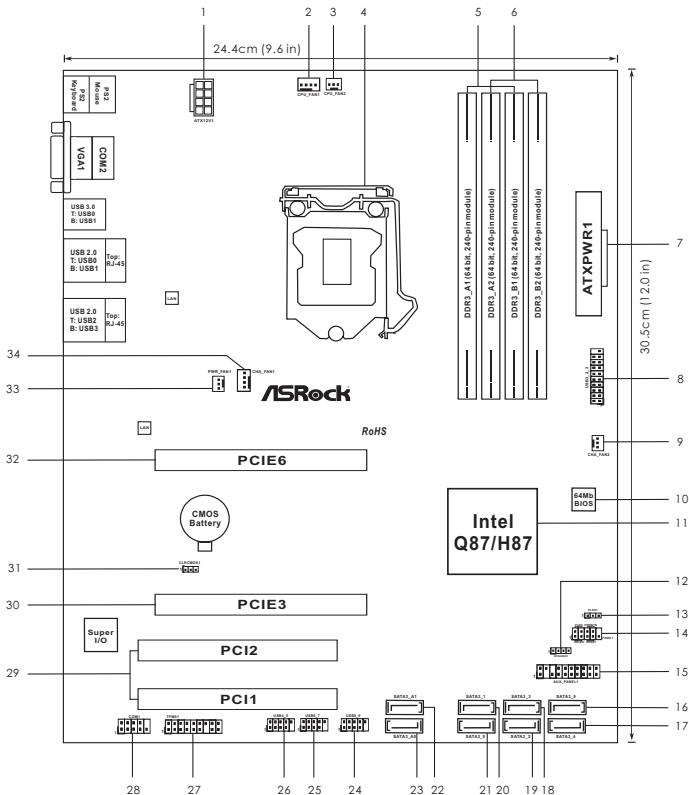
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## 1.3 Unique Features

### ASRock Instant Flash

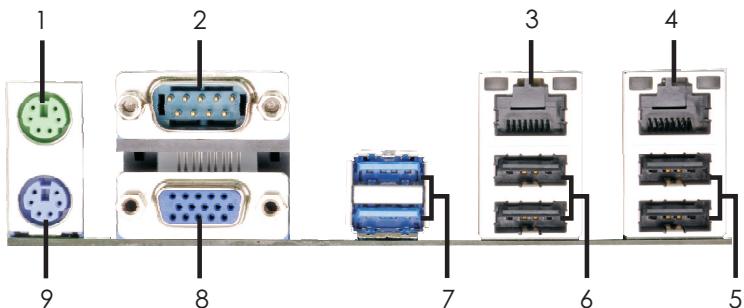
ASRock Instant Flash is a BIOS flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient BIOS update tool allows you to update system BIOS without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows®. With this utility, you can press the <F6> key during the POST or the <F2> key to enter into the BIOS setup menu to access ASRock Instant Flash. Just launch this tool and save the new BIOS file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive, then you can update your BIOS only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system.

## 1.4 Motherboard Layout



1	ATX 12V Power Connector (ATX12V1)	17	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_4)
2	CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)	18	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_3)
3	CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN2)	19	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_2)
4	1150-Pin CPU Socket	20	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_1)
5	2 x 240-pin DDR3 DIMM Slots (DDR3_A1, DDR3_B1, Blue)	21	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_0)
6	2 x 240-pin DDR3 DIMM Slots (DDR3_A2, DDR3_B2, White)	22	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_A1)
7	ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)	23	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_A0)
8	USB 3.0 Header (USB3_2_3)	24	USB 2.0 Header (USB8_9)
9	Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN2)	25	USB 2.0 Header (USB6_7)
10	SPI Flash Memory (64Mb)	26	USB 2.0 Header (USB4_5)
11	Intel Q87/H87 Chipset	27	TPM Header (TPMS1)
12	Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER1)	28	COM Port Header (COM1)
13	Power LED Header (PLED1)	29	PCI Slots (PCI1-2)
14	System Panel Header (PANEL1)	30	PCI Express 2.0 x16 Slot (PCIE3)
15	Auxiliary Panel Header (AUX_PANEL1)	31	Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)
16	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_5)	32	PCI Express 3.0 x16 Slot (PCIE6)
		33	Power Fan Connector (PWR_FAN1)
		34	Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)

## 1.5 I/O Panel



- 1 PS/2 Mouse Port (Green)  
2 COM Port (COM1)  
3 LAN RJ-45 Port (LAN1)  
4 LAN RJ-45 Port (LAN2)  
5 USB 2.0 Ports (USB23)

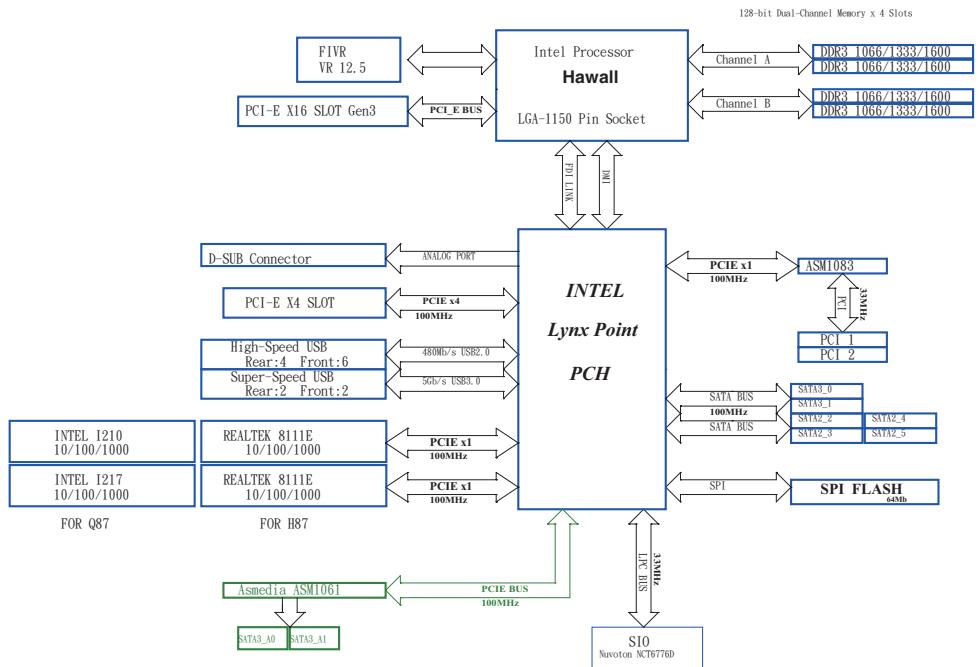
- 6 USB 2.0 Ports (USB01)  
7 USB 3.0 Ports (USB3\_01)  
8 VGA Port (VGA1)  
9 PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)

\* There are two LED next to the LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.

Activity/Link LED		SPEED LED	
Status	Description	Status	Description
Off	No Link	Off	10Mbps connection
Blinking	Data Activity	Orange	100Mbps connection
On	Link	Green	1Gbps connection

ACT/LINK LED      SPEED LED  
  
LAN Port

## 1.6 Block Diagram



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## **Chapter 2: Installation**

This is an ATX form factor (12.0" x 9.6", 30.5 x 24.4 cm) motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.



Make sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard. Failure to do so may cause physical injuries to you and damages to motherboard components.

### **2.1 Screw Holes**

Place screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.



Do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

### **2.2 Pre-installation Precautions**

Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any components.
2. To avoid damaging the motherboard's components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle the components.
3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
4. Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded anti-static pad or in the bag that comes with the component.
5. When placing screws into the screw holes to secure the motherboard to the chassis, please do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.



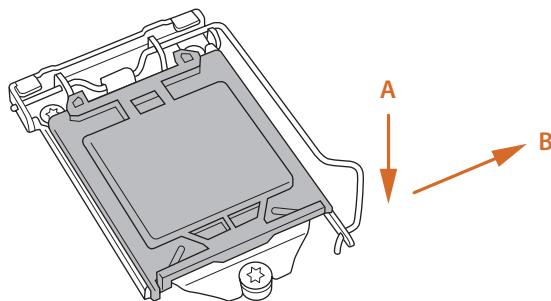
Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the power is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, and/or components.

## 2.3 Installing the CPU

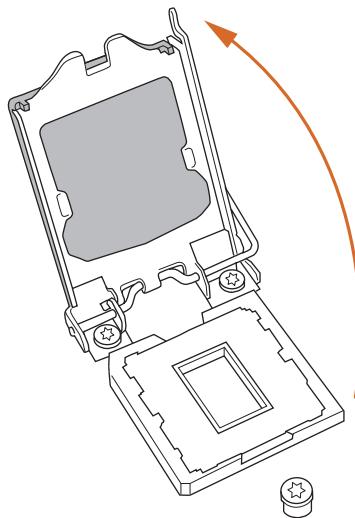


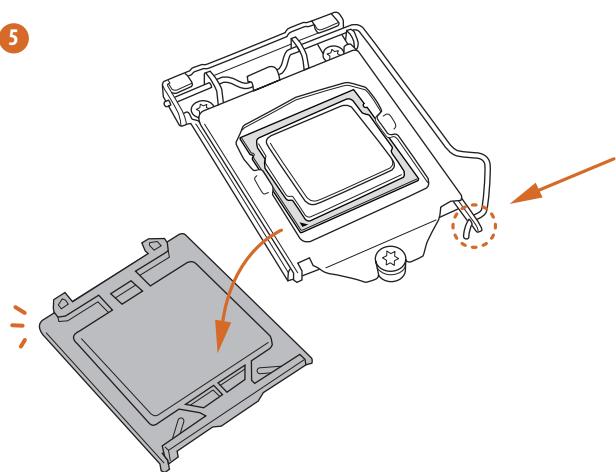
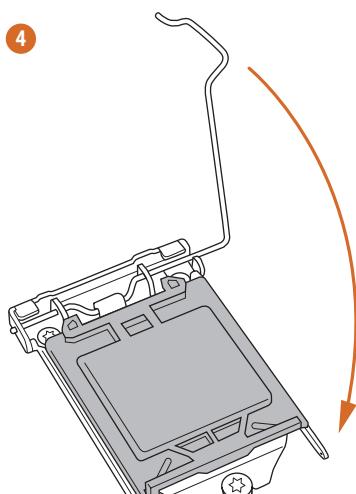
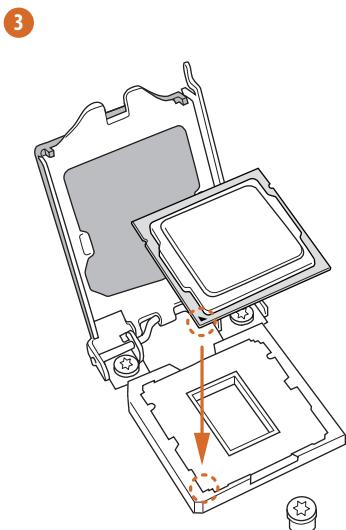
1. Before you insert the 1150-Pin CPU into the socket, please check if the PnP cap is on the socket, if the CPU surface is unclean, or if there are any bent pins in the socket. Do not force to insert the CPU into the socket if above situation is found. Otherwise, the CPU will be seriously damaged.
2. Unplug all power cables before installing the CPU.

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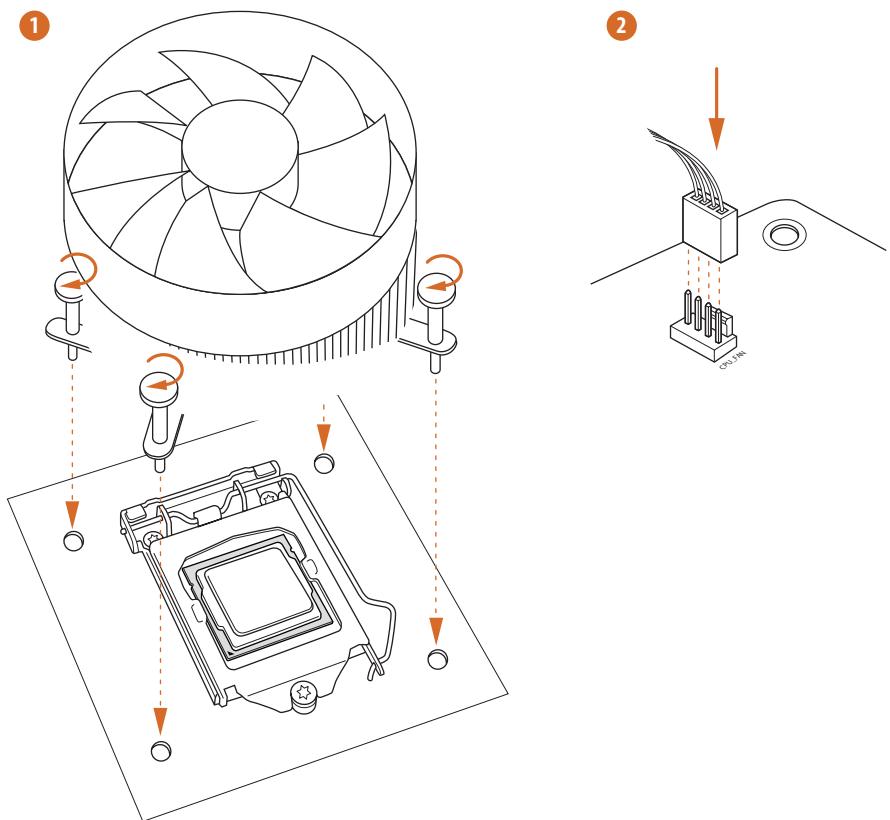
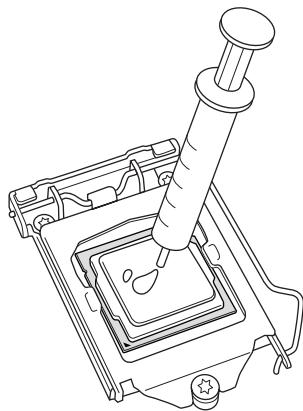




Please save and replace the cover if the processor is removed. The cover must be placed if you wish to return the motherboard for after service.

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## 2.4 Installing the CPU Fan and Heatsink



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## 2.5 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

This motherboard provides four 240-pin DDR3 (Double Data Rate 3) DIMM slots, and supports Dual Channel Memory Technology.



1. For dual channel configuration, you always need to install identical (the same brand, speed, size and chip-type) DDR3 DIMM pairs.
2. It is unable to activate Dual Channel Memory Technology with only one or three memory module installed.
3. It is not allowed to install a DDR or DDR2 memory module into a DDR3 slot; otherwise, this motherboard and DIMM may be damaged.

### Dual Channel Memory Configuration

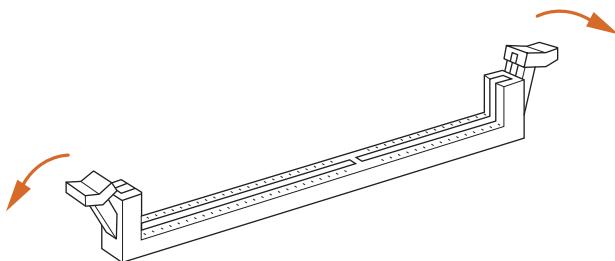
Priority	DDR3_A1	DDR3_A2	DDR3_B1	DDR3_B2
1		Populated		Populated
2	Populated		Populated	
3	Populated	Populated	Populated	Populated



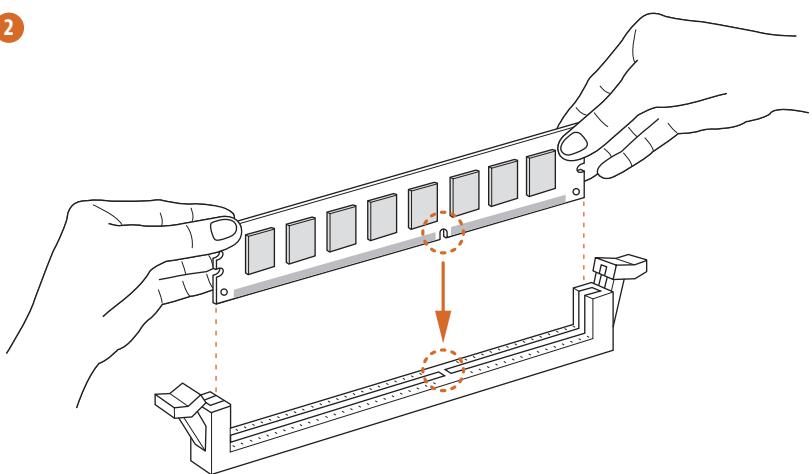
The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

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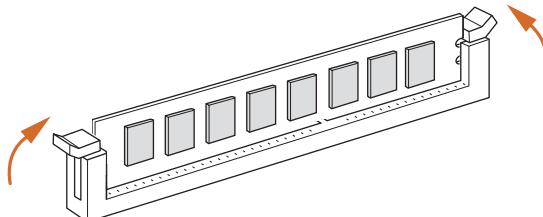
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## 2.6 Expansion Slots (PCI and PCI Express Slots)

There are 2 PCI slots and 2 PCI Express slots on this motherboard.

**PCI slots:** PCI slots are used to install expansion cards that have the 32-bit PCI interface.

**PCIE slots:** PCIE6 (PCIE 3.0 x16 slot) is used for PCI Express x16 lane width graphics cards, or to install PCI Express graphics cards to support CrossFireX™ function.

PCIE3 (PCIE 2.0 x16 slot) is used for PCI Express x4 lane width graphics cards, or to install PCI Express graphics cards to support CrossFireX™ function.



1. In single VGA card mode, it is recommended to install a PCI Express x16 graphics card on PCIE6 slot.
2. In CrossFireX™ mode, please install the PCI Express x16 graphics cards on PCIE6 and PCIE3 slots. Therefore, PCIE6 will work at x16 bandwidth, while PCIE3 works at x4 bandwidth.
3. Please connect a chassis fan to the motherboard's chassis fan connector (CHA\_FAN1 or CHA\_FAN2) when using multiple graphics cards for better thermal environment.

### Installing an expansion card

- Step 1. Before installing an expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.
- Step 2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).
- Step 3. Remove the bracket facing the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screws for later use.
- Step 4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.
- Step 5. Fasten the card to the chassis with screws.
- Step 6. Replace the system cover.

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## 2.7 CrossFireX™ and Quad CrossFireX™ Operation Guide

This motherboard supports CrossFireX™ and Quad CrossFireX™. CrossFireX™ technology offers the most advantageous means available of combining multiple high performance Graphics Processing Units (GPU) in a single PC. Combining a range of different operating modes with intelligent software design and an innovative interconnect mechanism, CrossFireX™ enables the highest possible level of performance and image quality in any 3D application. Currently CrossFireX™ is supported by Windows® XP with Service Pack 2 / Vista™ / 7 / 8 OS. Quad CrossFireX™ is supported by Windows® Vista™ / 7 / 8 OS only. Please check AMD's website for AMD CrossFireX™ driver updates.



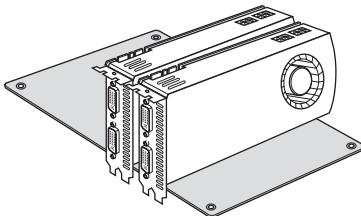
1. If a customer incorrectly configures their system they will not see the performance benefits of CrossFireX™. All three CrossFireX™ components, a CrossFireX™ Ready graphics card, a CrossFireX™ Ready motherboard and a CrossFireX™ Edition co-processor graphics card, must be installed correctly to benefit from the CrossFireX™ multi-GPU platform.
2. If you pair a 12-pipe CrossFireX™ Edition card with a 16-pipe card, both cards will operate as 12-pipe cards while in CrossFireX™ mode.

### 2.7.1 Installing Two CrossFireX™-Ready Graphics Cards

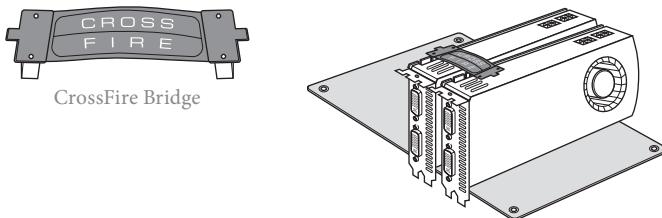


Different CrossFireX™ cards may require different methods to enable CrossFireX™ feature. For other CrossFireX™ cards that AMD has released or will release in the future, please refer to AMD graphics card manuals for detailed installation guide.

- Step 1. Insert one Radeon graphics card into PCIE6 slot and the other Radeon graphics card to PCIE3 slot. Make sure that the cards are properly seated on the slots.



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- Step 2. Connect two Radeon graphics cards by installing a CrossFire Bridge on the CrossFire Bridge Interconnects on the top of the Radeon graphics cards. (The CrossFire Bridge is provided with the graphics card you purchase, not bundled with this motherboard. Please refer to your graphics card vendor for details.)



- Step 3. Connect the DVI monitor cable to the DVI connector on the Radeon graphics card on PCIE6 slot. (You may use the DVI to D-Sub adapter to convert the DVI connector to D-Sub interface, and then connect the D-Sub monitor cable to the DVI to D-Sub adapter.)

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## 2.7.2 Driver Installation and Setup

- Step 1. Power on your computer and boot into OS.
- Step 2. Remove the AMD drivers if you have any VGA drivers installed in your system.



The Catalyst Uninstaller is an optional download. We recommend using this utility to uninstall any previously installed Catalyst drivers prior to installation. Please check AMD's website for AMD driver updates.

- Step 3. Install the required drivers to your system.

**For Windows® XP OS:**

- A. AMD recommends Windows® XP Service Pack 2 or higher to be installed (If you have Windows® XP Service Pack 2 or higher installed in your system, there is no need to download it again):

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/sp2/default.mspx>

- B. You must have Microsoft .NET Framework installed prior to downloading and installing the CATALYST Control Center. Please check Microsoft's website for details.

**For Windows® 8 / 7 / Vista™ OS:**

Install the CATALYST Control Center. Please check AMD's website for details.

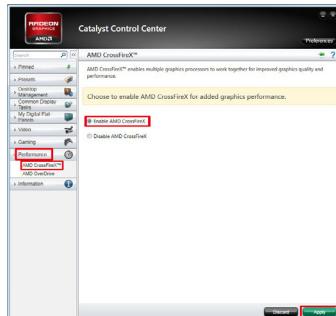
- Step 4. Restart your computer.

- Step 5. Install the VGA card drivers to your system, and restart your computer. You will find "AMD Catalyst Control Center" on your Windows® taskbar.



AMD Catalyst Control Center

- Step 6. Double-click "ATI Catalyst Control Center". Click "View", select "CrossFireX™", and then check the item "Enable CrossFireX™". Select "2 GPUs" and click "Apply".





Although you have selected the option "Enable CrossFire<sup>TM</sup>", the CrossFireX<sup>TM</sup> function may not work actually. Your computer will automatically reboot. After restarting your computer, please confirm whether the option "Enable CrossFire<sup>TM</sup>" in "ATI Catalyst Control Center" is selected or not; if not, please select it again, and then you are able to enjoy the benefits of CrossFireX<sup>TM</sup>.

Step 7. You can freely enjoy the benefits of CrossFireX<sup>TM</sup> or Quad CrossFireX<sup>TM</sup>.

\* CrossFireX<sup>TM</sup> appearing here is a registered trademark of AMD Technologies Inc., and is used only for identification or explanation and to the owners' benefit, without intent to infringe.

\* For further information of AMD CrossFireX<sup>TM</sup> technology, please check AMD's website for updates and details.

## 2.8 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is "Short". If no jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is "Open". The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are "Short" when jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



Jumper	Setting	Description
Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1) (see p.9, No. 31)	 Default	 Clear CMOS

Note: CLRCMOS1 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short pin2 and pin3 on CLRCMOS1 for 5 seconds. However, please do not clear the CMOS right after you update the BIOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action. Please be noted that the password, date, time, user default profile, 1394 GUID and MAC address will be cleared only if the CMOS battery is removed.

## 2.9 Onboard Headers and Connectors



Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage of the motherboard!

### Serial ATA3 Connectors

(SATA3\_0: see p.9, No. 21)

(SATA3\_1: see p.9, No. 20)

(SATA3\_2: see p.9, No. 19)

(SATA3\_3: see p.9, No. 18)

(SATA3\_4: see p.9, No. 17)

(SATA3\_5: see p.9, No. 16)

(SATA3\_A0: see p.9, No. 23)

(SATA3\_A1: see p.9, No. 22)

SATA3\_A1

SATA3\_A0

SATA3\_1

SATA3\_0

SATA3\_3

SATA3\_2

SATA3\_5

SATA3\_4

These Serial ATA3 (SATA3) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATA3 interface allows up to 6.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

### Serial ATA (SATA)

#### Data Cable

(Optional)

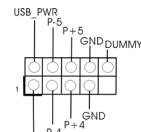


Either end of the SATA data cable can be connected to the SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 hard disk or the SATA2 / SATA3 connector on this motherboard.

### USB 2.0 Headers

(9-pin USB4\_5)

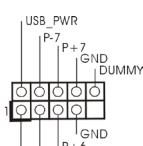
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Besides four default USB 2.0 ports on the I/O panel, there are three USB 2.0 headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two USB 2.0 ports.

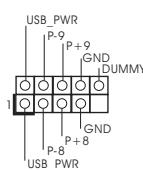
(9-pin USB6\_7)

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(9-pin USB8\_9)

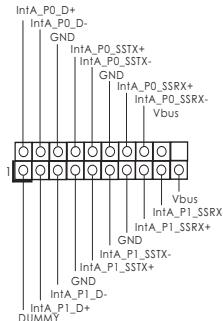
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### USB 3.0 Header

(19-pin USB3\_2\_3)

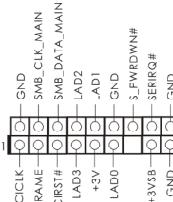
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### TPM Header

(17-pin TPMS1)

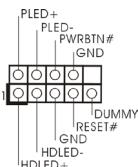
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### System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.9, No. 14)



Connect the power switch, reset switch and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.

#### PWRBTN (Power Switch):

Connect to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch.

#### RESET (Reset Switch):

Connect to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

Besides two default USB 3.0 ports on the I/O panel, there is one USB 3.0 header on this motherboard. This USB 3.0 header can support two USB 3.0 ports.

This connector supports a Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords, and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.

This header accommodates several system front panel functions.

### **PLED (System Power LED):**

Connect to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking when the system is in S1/S3 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

### **HDLED (Hard Drive Activity LED):**

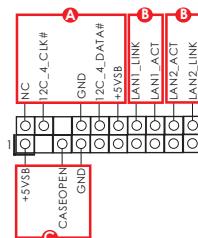
Connect to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.

### Auxiliary Panel Header

(18-pin AUX\_PANEL1)

(see p.9, No. 15)



This header supports multiple functions on the front panel, including the front panel SMB, internet status indicator and chassis intrusion pin.



#### **A. Front panel SMBus connecting pin (6-1 pin FPSMB)**

This header allows you to connect SMBus (System Management Bus) equipment. It can be used for communication between peripheral equipment in the system, which has slower transmission rates, and power management equipment.

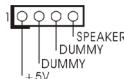
#### **B. Internet status indicator (2-pin LAN1\_LED, LAN2\_LED)**

These two 2-pin headers allow you to use the Gigabit internet indicator cable to connect to the LAN status indicator. When this indicator flickers, it means that the internet is properly connected.

#### **C. Chassis intrusion pin (4-1 pin CHASSIS)**

This header is provided for host computer chassis with chassis intrusion detection designs. In addition, it must also work with external detection equipment, such as a chassis intrusion detection sensor or a microswitch. When this function is activated, if any chassis component movement occurs, the sensor will immediately detect it and send a signal to this header, and the system will then record this chassis intrusion event. The default setting is set to the CASEOPEN and GND pin; this function is off.

**Chassis Speaker Header**  
(4-pin SPEAKER 1)  
(see p.9, No. 12)



Please connect the chassis speaker to this header.

**Power LED Header**  
(3-pin PLED1)  
(see p.9, No. 13)



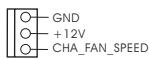
Please connect the chassis power LED to this header to indicate system power status. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking in S1/S3 state. The LED is off in S4 state or S5 state (power off).

**Chassis and Power Fan Connectors**  
(4-pin CHA\_FAN1)  
(see p.9, No. 34)



Please connect the fan cables to the fan connectors and match the black wire to the ground pin.

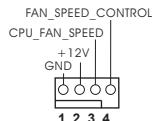
(3-pin CHA\_FAN2)  
(see p.9, No. 9)



(3-pin PWR\_FAN1)  
(see p.9, No. 33)



**CPU Fan Connectors**  
(4-pin CPU\_FAN1)  
(see p.9, No. 2)



Please connect the CPU fan cable to the connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.



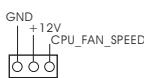
Though this motherboard provides 4-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) support, the 3-Pin CPU fan still can work successfully even without the fan speed control function. If you plan to connect the 3-Pin CPU fan to the CPU fan connector on this motherboard, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

Pin 1-3 Connected

3-Pin Fan Installation

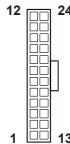


(3-pin CPU\_FAN2)  
(see p.9, No. 3)



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**ATX Power Connector**  
(24-pin ATXPWR1)  
(see p.9, No. 7)



Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector.



Though this motherboard provides 24-pin ATX power connector, it can still work if you adopt a traditional 20-pin ATX power supply. To use the 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with Pin 1 and Pin 13.



20-Pin ATX Power Supply Installation

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**ATX 12V Power Connector**  
(8-pin ATX12V1)  
(see p.9, No. 1)



Please connect an ATX 12V power supply to this connector.



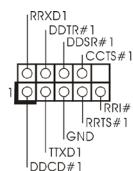
Though this motherboard provides 8-pin ATX 12V power connector, it can still work if you adopt a traditional 4-pin ATX 12V power supply. To use the 4-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with Pin 1 and Pin 5.



4-Pin ATX 12V Power Supply Installation

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**Serial port Header**  
(9-pin COM1)  
(see p.9, No. 28)



This COM1 header supports a serial port module.

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## **2.10 Driver Installation Guide**

To install the drivers to your system, please insert the support CD to your optical drive first. Then, the drivers compatible to your system can be auto-detected and listed on the support CD driver page. Please follow the order from top to bottom to install those required drivers. Therefore, the drivers you install can work properly.

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## 2.11 Dual LAN and Teaming Operation Guide

Dual LAN with Teaming enabled on this motherboard allows two single connections to act as one single connection for twice the transmission bandwidth, making data transmission more effective and improving the quality of transmission of distant images. Fault tolerance on the dual LAN network prevents network downtime by transferring the workload from a failed port to a working port.



The speed of transmission is subject to the actual network environment or status even with Teaming enabled.

Before setting up Teaming, please make sure whether your Switch (or Router) supports Teaming (IEEE 802.3ad Link Aggregation). You can specify a preferred adapter in Intel PROSet. Under normal conditions, the Primary adapter handles all non-TCP/IP traffic. The Secondary adapter will receive fallback traffic if the primary fails. If the Preferred Primary adapter fails, but is later restored to an active status, control is automatically switched back to the Preferred Primary adapter.

**Step 1**

From **Device Manager**, open the properties of a team.

**Step 2**

Click the **Settings** tab.

**Step 3**

Click the **Modify Team** button.

**Step 4**

Select the adapter you want to be the primary adapter and click the **Set Primary** button.

If you do not specify a preferred primary adapter, the software will choose an adapter of the highest capability (model and speed) to act as the default primary. If a failover occurs, another adapter becomes the primary. The adapter will, however, rejoin the team as a non-primary.

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# **Chapter 3: UEFI SETUP UTILITY**

## **3.1 Introduction**

This section explains how to use the UEFI SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The UEFI chip on the motherboard stores the UEFI SETUP UTILITY. You may run the UEFI SETUP UTILITY when you start up the computer. Please press <F2> or <Del> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY, otherwise, POST will continue with its test routines.

If you wish to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You may also restart by turning the system off and then back on.



Because the UEFI software is constantly being updated, the following UEFI setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and they may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

### **3.1.1 UEFI Menu Bar**

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

<b>Main</b>	To set up the system time/date information
<b>OC Tweaker</b>	To set up overclocking features
<b>Advanced</b>	To set up the advanced UEFI features
<b>Tool</b>	Useful tools
<b>H/W Monitor</b>	To display current hardware status
<b>Boot</b>	To set up the default system device to locate and load the Operating System
<b>Security</b>	To set up the security features
<b>Exit</b>	To exit the current screen or the UEFI SETUP UTILITY

Use <←→> key or <↑↓> key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen. You can also use the mouse to click your required item.

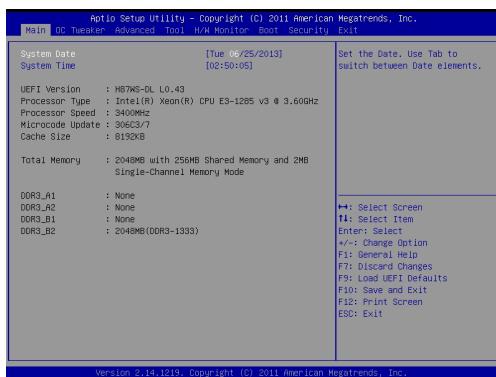
### 3.1.2 Navigation Keys

Please check the following table for the function description of each navigation key.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
← / →	Moves cursor left or right to select Screens
↑ / ↓	Moves cursor up or down to select items
+ / -	To change option for the selected items
<Tab>	Switch to next function
<Enter>	To bring up the selected screen
<PGUP>	Go to the previous page
<PGDN>	Go to the next page
<HOME>	Go to the top of the screen
<END>	Go to the bottom of the screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F7>	Discard changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY
<F9>	Load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	Save changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY
<F12>	Print screen
<ESC>	Jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

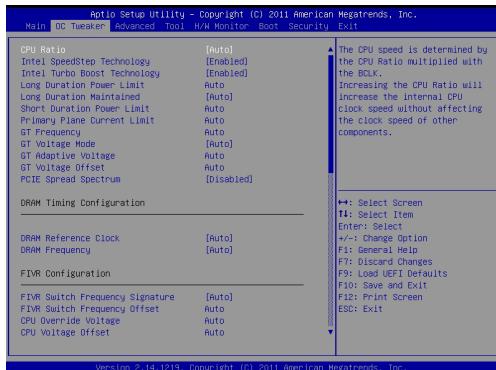
## 3.2 Main Screen

When you enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY, the Main screen will appear and display the system overview.



### 3.3 OC Tweaker Screen

In the OC Tweaker screen, you can set up overclocking features.



#### CPU Configuration

##### CPU Ratio

Use this item to change the ratio value of this motherboard.

##### Intel SpeedStep Technology

Intel SpeedStep technology is Intel's new power saving technology. Processors can switch between multiple frequencies and voltage points to enable power saving. The default value is [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. If you install Windows® Vista™ / 7 / 8 and want to enable this function, please set this item to [Enabled]. This item will be hidden if the current CPU does not support Intel SpeedStep technology.



Please note that enabling this function may reduce CPU voltage and lead to system stability or compatibility issues with some power supplies. Please set this item to [Disabled] if above issues occur.

##### Intel Turbo Boost Technology

Use this item to enable or disable Intel Turbo Boost Mode Technology. Turbo Boost Mode allows processor cores to run faster than marked frequency in specific conditions. The default value is [Enabled].

##### Long Duration Power Limit

Use this item to configure long duration power limit in watts. The default value is [Auto].

##### Long Duration Maintained

Use this item to configure time window which the long duration power is maintained. The default value is [Auto].

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### **Short Duration Power Limit**

Use this item to configure short duration power limit in watts. The default value is [Auto].

### **Primary Plane Current Limit**

Use this item to configure the maximum instantaneous current allowed for the primary plane. The default value is [Auto].

### **GT Frequency**

Configure the frequency of the integrated GPU.

### **GT Voltage Mode**

Auto: For optimized settings. Adaptive: Add voltage to the integrated GPU when the system is under heavy load. Override: The voltage is fixed.

### **GT Adaptive Voltage**

Configure the fixed voltage added to the integrated GPU.

### **GT Voltage Offset**

Configure the voltage added to the integrated GPU when the system is under heavy load.

### **PCIE Spread Spectrum**

Enable Spread Spectrum to reduce electromagnetic interference for passing EMI tests. Disable to achieve higher clock speeds when overclocking.

## **DRAM Timing Configuration**

### **DRAM Reference Clock**

Select Auto for optimized settings.

### **DRAM Frequency**

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assign the appropriate frequency automatically.

## **FIVR Configuration**

### **FIVR Switch Frequency Signature**

Select whether to boost or lower the FIVR Switch Frequency.

### **FIVR Switch Frequency Offset**

Configure the percentage of frequency boost or deduction.

### **CPU Override Voltage**

Configure the voltage added to the CPU when the system is under heavy load.

### **CPU Voltage Offset**

Configure the dynamic CPU voltage added to the CPU.

### **CPU Cache Override Voltage**

Add voltage to the CPU Cache when the system is under heavy load.

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### **CPU Cache Voltage Offset**

Configure the voltage for the CPU Cache. Setting the voltage higher may increase system stability when overclocking.

### **System Agent Voltage Offset**

Configure the voltage for the System Agent. Setting the voltage higher may increase system stability when overclocking.

### **CPU Analog IO Voltage Offset**

CPU I/O Analog Voltage.

### **CPU Digital IO Voltage Offset**

CPU I/O Digital Voltage.

### **CPU Integrated VR Faults**

Disable FIVR Faults to raise the threshold to trigger CPU over current protection and over voltage protection for better overclocking capabilities.

### **CPU Integrated VR Efficiency Mode**

Enable FIVR Efficiency Management for power saving. Disable for better performance and overclocking capabilities.

## **Voltage Configuration**

### **CPU Input Voltage**

Configure the voltage for the CPU.

### **CPU Load-Line Calibration**

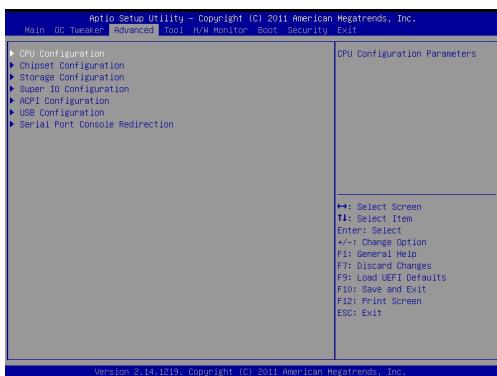
CPU Load-Line Calibration helps prevent CPU voltage droop when the system is under heavy load.

### **DRAM Voltage**

Use this to configure DRAM Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

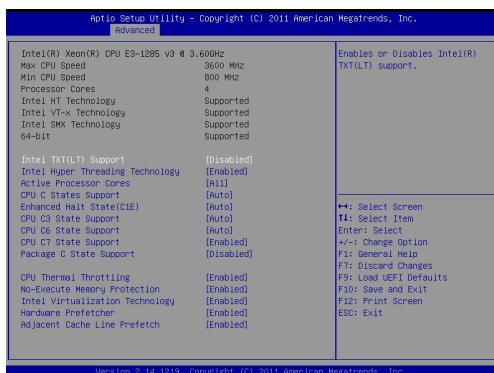
### 3.4 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, Chipset Configuration, Storage Configuration, Super IO Configuration, ACPI Configuration, USB Configuration and Serial Port Console Redirection.



Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

### 3.4.1 CPU Configuration



#### Intel TXT(LT) Support

Use this to enable or disable Intel Trusted Execution Technology .

#### Intel Hyper Threading Technology

Intel Hyper Threading Technology allows multiple threads to run on each core, so that the overall performance on threaded software is improved.

#### Active Processor Cores

Select the number of cores to enable in each processor package.

#### CPU C States Support

Enable CPU C States Support for power saving. It is recommended to keep C3, C6 and C7 all enabled for better power saving.

#### Enhanced Halt State (C1E)

Enable Enhanced Halt State (C1E) for lower power consumption.

#### CPU C3 State Support

Enable C3 sleep state for lower power consumption.

#### CPU C6 State Support

Enable C6 deep sleep state for lower power consumption.

#### CPU C7 State Support

Enable C7 deep sleep state for lower power consumption.

#### Package C State Support

Enable CPU, PCIe, Memory, Graphics C State Support for power saving.

#### CPU Thermal Throttling

Enable CPU internal thermal control mechanisms to keep the CPU from overheating.

#### No-Execute Memory Protection

Processors with No-Execution Memory Protection Technology may prevent certain classes of malicious buffer overflow attacks.

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### **Intel Virtualization Technology**

Intel Virtualization Technology allows a platform to run multiple operating systems and applications in independent partitions, so that one computer system can function as multiple virtual systems.

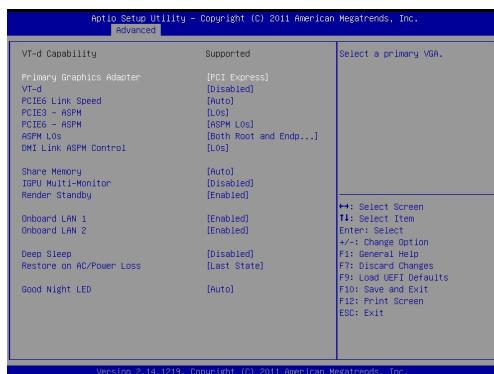
### **Hardware Prefetcher**

Automatically prefetch data and code for the processor. Enable for better performance.

### **Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch**

Automatically prefetch the subsequent cache line while retrieving the currently requested cache line. Enable for better performance.

### 3.4.2 Chipset Configuration



#### Primary Graphics Adapter

This allows you to select [Onboard], [PCI] or [PCI Express] as the boot graphic adapter priority. The default value is [PCI Express].

#### VT-d

Use this to enable or disable Intel® VT-d technology (Intel® Virtualization Technology for Directed I/O). The default value of this feature is [Disabled].

#### PCIE6 Link Speed

Select the link speed for PCIE6.

#### PCIE3 - ASPM

Select the ASPM for PCIE3.

#### PCIE6 - ASPM

Select the ASPM for PCIE6.

#### ASPM L0s

Select the ASPM L0s.

#### DMI Link ASPM Control

Select the DMI Link ASPM Control.

#### Share Memory

Configure the size of memory that is allocated to the integrated graphics processor when the system boots up.

#### IGPU Multi-Monitor

Select disable to disable the integrated graphics when an external graphics card is installed. Select enable to keep the integrated graphics enabled at all times.

#### Render Standby

Use this to enable or disable Render Standby by Internal Graphics Device. The default value is [Enabled].

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### **Onboard LAN1**

This allows you to enable or disable the Onboard LAN1 feature.

### **Onboard LAN2**

This allows you to enable or disable the Onboard LAN2 feature.

### **Deep Sleep**

Mobile platforms support Deep S4/S5 in DC only and desktop platforms support Deep S4/S5 in AC only. The default value is [Disabled].

### **Restore on AC/Power Loss**

This allows you to set the power state after an unexpected AC/power loss. If [Power Off] is selected, the AC/power remains off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the AC/power resumes and the system starts to boot up when the power recovers.

### **Good Night LED**

Use this item to enable or disable Power LED and LAN LED.

### 3.4.3 Storage Configuration



#### SATA Controller(s)

Use this item to enable or disable the SATA Controller feature.

#### SATA Mode Selection

This item is for SATA3\_0 to SATA3\_5 ports. Use this to select SATA mode. Configuration options: [IDE Mode], [AHCI Mode] and [RAID Mode]. The default value is [AHCI Mode].



AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface) supports NCQ and other new features that will improve SATA disk performance but IDE mode does not have these advantages.

#### SATA Aggressive Link Power Management

Use this item to configure SATA Aggressive Link Power Management.

#### Hard Disk S.M.A.R.T.

Use this item to enable or disable the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) feature. Configuration options: [Disabled] and [Enabled].

#### ASMedia SATA3 Mode

This item is for SATA3\_A0 and SATA3\_A1 ports. Use this to select ASMedia SATA3 mode. Configuration options: [IDE Mode], [AHCI Mode] and [Disabled]. The default value is [AHCI Mode].

#### SATA Boot ROM

Use this to enable or disable ASMedia SATA Boot ROM. The default value is [Disabled].



We recommend to use Intel® H87 SATA ports (SATA3\_0 to SATA3\_5 ports) for your bootable devices. This will minimum your boot time and get the best performance. But if you still want to boot from ASMedia SATA3 controller, you can still enable this in UEFI.

### 3.4.4 Super IO Configuration



#### Serial Port 1

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard serial port.

#### Serial Port 1 Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard serial port. Configuration options: [2F8h / IRQ3] and [2E8h / IRQ3].

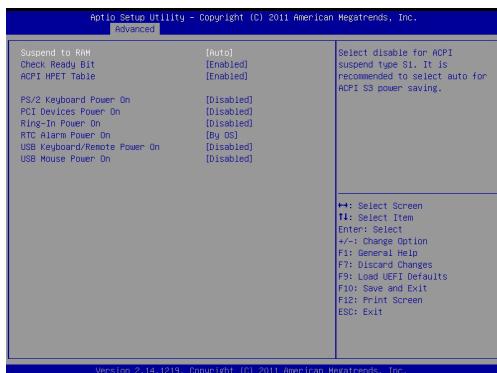
#### Serial Port 2

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard serial port.

#### Serial Port 2 Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard serial port. Configuration options: [3F8h / IRQ4] and [3E8h / IRQ4].

### 3.4.5 ACPI Configuration



#### Suspend to RAM

Use this item to select whether to auto-detect or disable the Suspend-to-RAM feature. Selecting [Auto] will enable this feature if the OS supports it.

#### Check Ready Bit

Use this item to enable or disable the feature Check Ready Bit.

#### ACPI HPET Table

Use this item to enable or disable ACPI HPET Table. The default value is [Enabled]. Please set this option to [Enabled] if you plan to use this motherboard to submit Windows® certification.

#### PS/2 Keyboard Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

#### PCI Devices Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PCI devices to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

#### Ring-In Power On

Use this item to enable or disable Ring-In signals to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

#### RTC Alarm Power On

Use this item to enable or disable RTC (Real Time Clock) to power on the system.

#### USB Keyboard/Remote Power On

Use this item to enable or disable USB Keyboard/Remote to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

#### USB Mouse Power On

Use this item to enable or disable USB Mouse to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

### 3.4.6 USB Configuration



#### USB Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the use of USB controller.

#### Intel USB 3.0 Mode

Use this item to enable or disable the use of Intel USB 3.0 mode.

#### Legacy USB Support

Use this option to select legacy support for USB devices. There are four configuration options: [Enabled], [Auto], [Disabled] and [UEFI Setup Only]. The default value is [Enabled]. Please refer to below descriptions for the details of these four options:

[Enabled] - Enables support for legacy USB.

[Auto] - Enables legacy support if USB devices are connected.

[Disabled] - USB devices are not allowed to use under legacy OS and UEFI setup when [Disabled] is selected. If you have USB compatibility issues, it is recommended to select [Disabled] to enter OS.

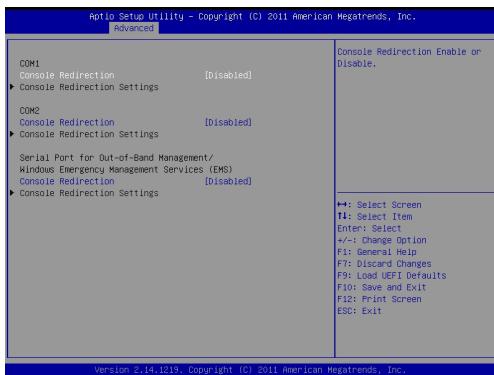
[UEFI Setup Only] - USB devices are allowed to use only under UEFI setup and Windows / Linux OS.

#### Legacy USB 3.0 Support

Use this option to enable or disable legacy support for USB 3.0 devices.

The default value is [Enabled].

### 3.4.7 Serial Port Console Redirection



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## 3.5 Tool



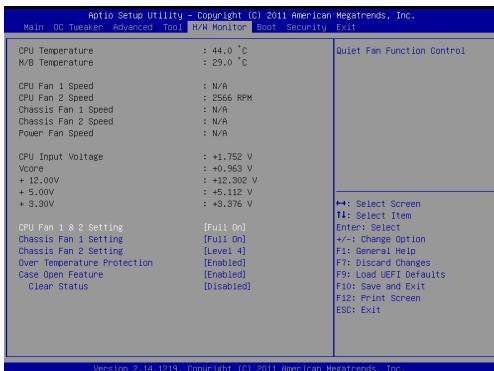
### UEFI Update Utility

#### Instant Flash

Instant Flash is a UEFI flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient UEFI update tool allows you to update system UEFI without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows®. Just save the new UEFI file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive and launch this tool, then you can update your UEFI only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system. If you execute Instant Flash utility, the utility will show the UEFI files and their respective information. Select the proper UEFI file to update your UEFI, and reboot your system after the UEFI update process is completed.

## 3.6 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

In this section, it allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, chassis fan speed, and the critical voltage.



### CPU Fan 1 & 2 Setting

This allows you to set CPU fan 1 & 2's speed. Configuration options: [Full On] and [Automatic Mode]. The default value is [Full On].

### Chassis Fan 1 Setting

This allows you to set chassis fan 1's speed. Configuration options: [Full On], [Manual Mode] and [Automatic Mode]. The default value is [Full On].

### Chassis Fan 2 Setting

This allows you to set chassis fan 2's speed. Configuration options: [Level 1] to [Level 4]. The default is value [Level 4].

### Over Temperature Protection

Use this to enable or disable Over Temperature Protection. The default value is [Enabled].

### Case Open Feature

This allows you to enable or disable case open detection feature. The default is value [Enabled].

### Clear Status

This option appears only when the case open has been detected. Use this option to keep or clear the record of previous chassis intrusion status.

## 3.7 Boot Screen

In this section, it will display the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.



### Fast Boot

Fast Boot minimizes your computer's boot time. There are three configuration options: [Disabled], [Fast] and [Ultra Fast]. The default value is [Disabled]. Please refer to below descriptions for the details of these three options:

[Disabled] - Disable Fast Boot.

[Fast] - The only restriction is you may not boot by using an USB flash drive.

[Ultra Fast] - There are a few restrictions.

1. Only supports Windows® 8 UEFI operating system.
2. You will not be able to enter BIOS Setup (Clear CMOS or run utility in Widows® to enter BIOS Setup).
3. If you are using an external graphics card, the VBIOS must support UEFI GOP in order to boot.

### Boot From Onboard LAN

Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Onboard LAN feature.

### Setup Prompt Timeout

This shows the number of seconds to wait for setup activation key.

### Bootup Num-Lock

If this item is set to [On], it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

### Boot Beep

Select whether the Boot Beep should be turned on or off when the system boots up. Please note that a buzzer is needed.

## **Full Screen Logo**

Use this item to enable or disable OEM Logo. The default value is [Enabled].

## **AddOn ROM Display**

Use this option to adjust AddOn ROM Display. If you enable the option “Full Screen Logo” but you want to see the AddOn ROM information when the system boots, please select [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. The default value is [Enabled].

## **Boot Failure Guard**

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard.

## **Boot Failure Guard Count**

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard Count.

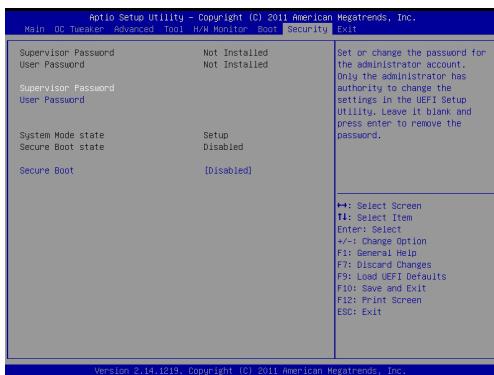
## **CSM**

Please disable CSM when you enable Fast Boot option. The default value is [Enabled].



## 3.8 Security Screen

In this section, you may set or change the supervisor/user password for the system. For the user password, you may also clear it.



### Secure Boot

Use this to enable or disable Secure Boot. The default value is [Disabled].

## 3.9 Exit Screen



### Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option, the following message “Save configuration changes and exit setup?” will pop-out. Select [Yes] to save the changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY.

### Discard Changes and Exit

When you select this option, the following message “Discard changes and exit setup?” will pop-out. Select [Yes] to exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY without saving any changes.

### Discard Changes

When you select this option, the following message “Discard changes?” will pop-out. Select [Yes] to discard all changes.

### Load UEFI Defaults

Load UEFI default values for all the setup questions. F9 key can be used for this operation.

### Launch EFI Shell from filesystem device

Attempts to Launch EFI Shell application (Shell64.efi) from one of the available filesystem devices.

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# **Chapter 4: Software Support**

## **4.1 Install Operating System**

This motherboard supports various Microsoft® Windows® operating systems: 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP 64-bit. Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

## **4.2 Support CD Information**

The Support CD that came with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard's features.

### **4.2.1 Running The Support CD**

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if "AUTORUN" is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu does not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file "ASSETUP.EXE" from the BIN folder in the Support CD to display the menu.

### **4.2.2 Drivers Menu**

The Drivers Menu shows the available device's drivers if the system detects installed devices. Please install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

### **4.2.3 Utilities Menu**

The Utilities Menu shows the application softwares that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

### **4.2.4 Contact Information**

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, welcome to visit ASRock's website at <http://www.asrock.com>; or you may contact your dealer for further information.

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# **Chapter 5: Troubleshooting**

## **5.1 Troubleshooting Procedures**

Follow the procedures below to troubleshoot your system.



Always unplug the power cord before adding, removing or changing any hardware components. Failure to do so may cause physical injuries to you and damages to motherboard components.

1. Disconnect the power cable and check whether the PWR LED is off.
2. Unplug all cables, connectors and remove all add-on cards from the motherboard. Make sure that the jumpers are set to default settings.
3. Confirm that there are no short circuits between the motherboard and the chassis.
4. Install a CPU and fan on the motherboard, then connect the chassis speaker and power LED.

### **If there is no power...**

1. Confirm that there are no short circuits between the motherboard and the chassis.
2. Make sure that the jumpers are set to default settings.
3. Check the settings of the 115V/230V switch on the power supply.
4. Verify if the battery on the motherboard provides ~3VDC. Install a new battery if it does not.

### **If there is no video...**

1. Try replugging the monitor cables and power cord.
2. Check for memory errors.

### **If there are memory errors...**

1. Verify that the DIMM modules are properly seated in the slots.
2. Use recommended DDR3 1600/1333/1066 ECC DIMMs.
3. If you have installed more than one DIMM modules, they should be identical with the same brand, speed, size and chip-type.
4. Try inserting different DIMM modules into different slots to identify faulty ones.
5. Check the settings of the 115V/230V switch on the power supply.

### **Unable to save system setup configurations...**

1. Verify if the battery on the motherboard provides ~3VDC. Install a new battery if it does not.
2. Confirm whether your power supply provides adequate and stable power.

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### **Other problems...**

1. Try searching keywords related to your problem on ASRock's FAQ page:  
<http://www.asrock.com/support/faq.asp>
2. Try downloading and updating the latest UEFI on ASRock's website:  
<http://www.asrock.com/support/download.asp>

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## **5.2 Technical Support Procedures**

If you have tried the troubleshooting procedures mentioned above and the problems are still unsolved, please contact ASRock's technical support with the following information:

1. Your contact information
2. Model name, BIOS version and problem type.
3. System configuration.
4. Problem description.

You may contact ASRock's technical support at:

<http://www.asrock.com/support/tsd.asp>

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## **5.3 Returning Merchandise for Service**

For warranty service, the receipt or a copy of your invoice marked with the date of purchase is required. By calling your vendor or going to our RMA website (<http://www.asrock.com/support/index.asp?cat=RMA>) you may obtain a Returned Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number.

The RMA number should be displayed on the outside of the shipping carton which is mailed prepaid or hand-carried when you return the motherboard to the manufacturer. Shipping and handling charges will be applied for all orders that must be mailed when service is complete.

This warranty does not cover damages incurred in shipping or from failure due to alteration, misuse, abuse or improper maintenance of products.

Contact your distributor first for any product related problems during the warranty period.